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SUBJECT: AL-QADHAFI AND THE REFORM "VISION THING"

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[1](#)1. (C) Summary: In a meeting broadcast on state-owned television, senior Government of Libya (GOL) officials disagreed with Muammar al-Qadhafi
GOL LEADERS DISPUTE REFORM PLAN

[1](#)2. (SBU) In a development picked up by Reuters, AFP and the Financial Times, Libya's state-owned Jamahiriya News Agency (JANA) televised a mee
AL-QADHAFI (PUBLICLY) INSISTS ON GOING FORWARD

[1](#)3. (SBU) Striking a populist note, al-Qadhafi blasted the officials, insisting that they wanted to maintain the status quo to keep their posit
MEDIA BREATHLESS ABOUT OSTENSIBLE VIEW INTO JAMAHIRIYA POLICY DEBATE ...

[1](#)4. (SBU) International media reaction - JANA broadcast the show, but state-owned media has otherwise not dwelled on it - has largely focused c
... BUT LOCAL OBSERVERS REMAIN UNCONVINCED

[1](#)5. (C) Observers closer to the scene have been less sanguine, and several senior GOL officials - including those involved in the meeting - had
SAIF AL-ISLAM'S BEHIND-THE-SCENES ROLE A MIXED BLESSING

[1](#)6. (C) Part of the issue appears to be that the restructuring and privatization initiatives have become lightning rods for the struggle between

[1](#)7. (SBU) Implementation of the Leader's vision has already been delayed. When he outlined his vision in March, al-Qadhafi called for the five

[1](#)8. (C) Comment: While the televised meeting was noteworthy for the fact that it offered the unusual spectacle of ostensible dissent in the state